there. In addition, *bona fide* personal needs for construction of houses are met by special sanction of the Conservator of Forests as and when such demands are made and when they cannot be normally met by purchase at auctions.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

Punalur Paper Mills.

37. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any definite contract between the Punalur Paper Mills and the Government with regard to the running of the Paper Mills ;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, to lay on the table the papers containing such conditions included in the contract ; and

(*c*) whether fuel and similar forest products are supplied to the Paper Mills on favourably low rates by the Government ?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The agreement will be available for inspection by the honourable member though it is necessary to keep it confidential in order that the information may not be availed of by competitors.

(*c*) Fuel and reeds are supplied at reasonable rates.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : ചോയ്സ്റ്റ് ആഫ് അർഡർ സർ. ഒരേസംഗതി വിശദമാക്കുന്നതിനു മുന്നു നാലു ചോദ്യങ്ങളുയച്ചാൽ അതിൽ ഒരു ഭാഗത്തിനുമാത്രം ഉത്തരം നൽകുന്നതു സംഗതി ഗ്രഹിക്കുന്നതിനു തടസ്സമായി തീരുന്നു.

President : But how does the question arise ?

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : സർ, നു.൧-ാമത്തെ ചോദ്യത്തിനു ഉത്തരം നൽകിയിരിക്കുന്നു. അതിനോടു അനുബന്ധമുള്ള മുന്നു ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കുകൂടി ഒരേസമയത്തു ഉത്തരം നൽകിയാലല്ലാതെ ...

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai : How is it a point of order, Sir ?

President : Yes, the honourable member will see that there is some point in what he says. It may, however, be that some questions may be answered straight away with the material available in the Secretariat or in the Government Offices. In the case of certain questions, information might have to be gathered from other sources, for instance, if a question is asked about the Punalur Paper Mills, information would have to be gathered from them.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : അതു ചോദ്യവും പുനലൂർ പേപ്പർമില്ലിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുതായിരുന്നു.

ഈ വിഷയം മാറു വനവിഭവങ്ങളും കൊടുക്കുന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ എന്തെല്ലാം സൗജന്യവ്യവസ്ഥകൾ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ ?

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Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar : The information has been placed on the table of the Secretary.

President : Order, order. All the rates and other information are contained in the papers. Naturally, the Punalur paper Mills is a commercial concern which is working in competition with equally well-organised commercial concerns in the rest of India. These concerns do not want full particulars about them to be published. But as this Government have full confidence in the members of the Legislature, any member of the Legislature can, by reference to the Secretary, read the agreement and see what the rates are and so forth. That is the utmost that can be done, because these commercial concerns do not like their details to be known. For instance, there is the Fertilizers Company. The Government of India are starting several similar companies, and naturally our company will have to work in competition with them. Similarly there are several paper mills in India. These companies do not want their details to be published and utilised by others. Hence the answer.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : ഇവിടെയുള്ള സജ്ജന്യ ഏർപ്പാടുകാർ ഒരേനിലയിൽ തുടരുകയും അതേ സമയത്തു് പേപ്പർമില്ലുകാർ അവരുടെ സാമാനങ്ങൾ പലപ്പോഴും വിലകൂട്ടി വിൽക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന എന്നവസ്തുത ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar : ഇല്ല.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : കടലാസിന് അടിക്കടി വില കൂട്ടി വിൽക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു ഇവിടത്തെ പത്രപ്രവർത്തകന്മാരും പൊതുജനങ്ങളും അസഹ്യമായ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകൾ അനുഭവിച്ചുവരുന്നതായി ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar : അസഹ്യമായ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുകൾ അനുഭവിച്ചുവരുന്നതായി അറിവില്ല.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan : പേപ്പർമിൽ ഉടമസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ ഈ നയം കൊണ്ടു പ്രതിമാസം ന്യൂനം രൂപയിൽ കൂടുതൽ പത്രപ്രവർത്തകന്മാർക്കു് നഷ്ടം വരുന്നുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള വിവരം ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു അറിയാമോ?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkateswara Aiyar : അറിവില്ല.

President : I think the Honourable Member is under a misapprehension in that matter and I seem to remember why he put the previous question. There are certain newspapers and editors of newspapers in Travancore who have entered into direct contact with the Government of India and get paper at special rates

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from them. This Government have not intervened in that matter. They use their own influence with the Government of India and get those concessions. They are getting, as a consequence, a quota from the Government of India while others are getting paper from the paper mills at rates which the Punalur Mills Company have fixed, having regard to their outlay and other charges and also payment of wage rolls and so forth. In these circumstances, a comparison between one newspaper and another is not accurate, because certain newspapers get directly from the Government of India at special rates.

Assault by the Excise Reserve Guard.

38. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any complaints in Makaram 1119 about the unwarranted assault by the Excise Reserve Guards on people living near the Kalady market in the Kunnatnad taluk;

(*b*) whether the Assistant Excise Commissioner, Parur, the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Alwaye, and the District Magistrate, Kottayam, have conducted any enquiry into this matter; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative the result of such an enquiry and the action taken on the same?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Excise Commissioner*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The matter is under investigation.

Temporary arrack shops during makaravilakku season.

39. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of temporary arrack shops opened during the years 1118, 1119 and 1120; and

(*b*) the necessity for opening temporary arrack shops during the Makaravilakku festivals?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan:

	Year.	Kottayam Division.	Mavelikara Division.	Total.
(*a*)	1118	2	4	6
	1119	2	4	6
	1120	2	4	6

(*b*) To meet the demand for arrack in connection with the festival at certain places where regular licenses have not been issued.

Transport of Food Grains.

40. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they commandeer country crafts for the transport of food grains;

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